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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. HARA et al (see attached)

For:

A METHOD FOR RETRIEVING DOCUMENTS

| Enclosed are | | | | | | | | | |
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| X | 11 Sheets of Drawings | | | | | | | | |
| This application is being filed without an executed Declaration. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Priority is claimed from <u>Japanese</u> Application No. <u>2002-288202</u> filed <u>October 1, 2002</u> A certified copy is attached herewith. which is hereby | | | | | | | | |
| | Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and incorporated by discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement. | | | | | | | | |
| A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. | | | | | | | | | |
| X Specification: Abstract X , Description 23 pages; and 12 claim(s). | | | | | | | | | |
| Preliminary Amendment. | | | | | | | | | |
| Executed Declaration. | | | | | | | | | |
| The filing fee | is calculated as s | hown below: | Small Entity | | | Large Entity | | | |
| For: | No. Filed | No. Extra | Rate | Fee | OR | Rate | Fee |] | |
| Basic Fee | | | | \$ 370 |] | | \$ 750 |] | |
| Total Claims | 12 -20= | • 0 | x 9 | \$ | | x 18 | \$ 0 |] | |
| Indep Claims | 9 - 3 = | • 6 | x 42 | \$ | | x 84 | \$ 504 | | |
| ☐ Multiple Dependent Claim (s) | | | + 140 | \$ | } | + 280 | \$ 0 | | |
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| The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. | | | | | | | | | |
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Respectfully Submitted,

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